

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment After Final Rejection is further responsive to the final Office Action identified above, and is further responsive in any other manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-25 were pending, under consideration and subject to examination in the final Office Action. Appropriate claims were amended in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed 5 August 2004, in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. In this Supplemental Amendment After Final Rejection, appropriate claims are canceled (without prejudice or disclaimer), to adjust a clarity of Applicant's invention. That is, such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment, and are simply refocused claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 3, 4, 7, 15-17 and 22 remain pending for consideration and examination in the application.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Renewal of the allowance of Claims 3, 4, 7, 15-17 and 22 is indicated at Item 7 in the Advisory Action mailed 24 August 2004. Applicant and the undersigned respectfully thank the Examiner for such indication of allowed subject matter.

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ALL REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §§102 AND 103 TRAVERSED

All 35 USC rejections are respectfully traversed. All descriptions of Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention, and all descriptions and rebuttal

arguments regarding the applied prior art, as previously submitted by Applicant in any form, are repeated and incorporated herein by reference. Further, all Office Action statements regarding the prior art rejections are respectfully traversed. However, as such rejections have been rendered obsolete by the present cancellation of all rejected claims (without prejudice or disclaimer) in order to clarify Applicant's invention, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested. All remaining claims have been indicated as allowed, and an early Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Further, Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number of 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are allowed.

Attached hereto is a Petition for Extension of Time. To whatever other extent is actually appropriate and required, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Also attached is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the requisite Petition fee. Please charge any actual deficiency in fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case 500.41391X00).

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:
Petition for Extension of Time
Form PTO-2038 (Fee Code 1251)